

**PARK AND RECREATION MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2002**  
**6:30 P.M.**

**Call to Order:** The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street, Rushville. President Jack Harmon called the meeting to order. Members present were George Coons, Wilma Jo Kile, Tim Shuppert, Tracy Phillips and Charlie Brown. Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Attorney Julie Newhouse, Pool Manager Gina Clark and Jan Voiles of the *Rushville Republican*.

**Minutes:** Minutes of May 14, 2002 and May 20, 2002 was presented for approval. Kile moved to approve both sets of minutes. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.

**Reports:** It was decided to hold the next Parks Board Meeting at Laughlin Park on July 9<sup>th</sup>.

Mathews reported that the pool is together. All has turned out well. Sent the first water sample in yesterday. No results back yet. Was told we have to wait 48 hours. Will call tomorrow for results and feels it should be a good report. Chuck McMichael came up and looked pool over and said everything looked good and thought the readings on the computer looked good.

Sherry Laboratories, out of Muncie, will fax the results to us tomorrow for an extra \$10.00. Once we get the results, Mathews will take it to the Health Department to get final approval to open the pool. Looking like Thursday or Friday now.

The Skateboard Park fence is going up.

Eugene Stanley will repair the cracks and seal the court then we will start to develop.

The Gospel In The Park was held last Sunday. It was well attended.

Mathews has started a new program in the park of reading to 10 and under children every Friday. Twenty-Seven kids attended last week. Each week will be a guest reader. The Mayor is reading this Friday. Readings last about 20 minutes and then they have fun time.

This program is from 9:30 am to 10:30 am.

Any volunteers would be appreciated.

Mathews reported that he would hold the Music In The Park on July 14<sup>th</sup>. He is working on this right now. There will be five different bands/entertainers and is looking forward to that.

Kile said the tennis courts were full on Sunday and the Gospel In The Park had a good crowd. These events are well attended.

Pool Manager Clark stated she is just waiting on the results to come back. She will open Thursday at noon if the results are fine tomorrow.

Harmon stated that as far as the pool is concerned, we went with the lesser-cost contractor and has been told there was more into it than what the quote was for.

Mathews stated that Quality Coating Company took the dementions that Bonar gave them, that being 130 feet of cracks. Quality Coating made a bid on those demention ions.

It ended up being 270 feet of cracks being repaired. He's not sure what they will do about the difference.

Harmon asked if we should address the change of scope that was outlined.

Shuppert asked how much time was spent on the project? Mathews stated that Bonar estimated the project at 48 man-hours.

Shuppert stated he feels we paid more than was adequate to get the job done.

Mathews stated that they were supposed to come Tuesday at 8:00 am and they didn't show up. At 10:00 am he called with no return call. Wednesday morning at 7:00 am was a no show and when called they informed Mathews that they were watching the weather channel and there was a storm coming in. Mathews stated he told them it was sunny here and they were wasting good weather. They informed him they would show up Saturday morning at 7:30 am and was a no show again. They finally came at 1:30 on Saturday and stated the floor was too wet and left.

After church on Sunday, Mathews and his wife spent 2-3 hours squeegeeing the water out as they said they would be there Sunday and was a no show. They finally showed up on Monday.

Brown asked if this was a band-aid fix? Mathews stated it won't last forever but should last awhile.

Shuppert stated we would do this every year.

Kile asked if we didn't drain the pool would that have happened? Maybe when we drain the water that is lifting the paint.

Shuppert stated he thinks it's the freeze then thaw cycle that is lifting the paint and causing the cracks.

Brown asked if there is anything to do to solve this? Shuppert said he don't think so. Mathews stated the only remedy is to put a membrane down. The membrane would only need replaced every 10-15 years. Mathews said that Quality Coating said to solve this problem their company would put a rubber coating down. The board asked Mathews to get a price on the rubber coating. Shuppert stated he doesn't feel this is a band-aid repair and that if we had the tools he feels we could do this ourselves. He said they enlarged the cracks so it would hold the new material then painted a coating and allowed it to dry properly.

Mathews stated the water is nice, is 80 degrees now. He feels the leaves are our problem in this pool. A cover is the only way to solve this problem. Brown suggested laying tarps on the bottom when the pool is drained. Mathews said the pool isn't drained all the way so that wouldn't work.

Harmon said we would wait on the claim to come through and see what happens and stressed that he appreciates all the efforts and hard work on Mathew's behalf.

**Claims:** Reviewed prior to meeting by Kile and Shuppert. Kile moved to approve the claims for the month. Shuppert seconded. Motion carried.

**Unfinished Business:**

Upcoming projects were discussed.  
The Master Plan priorities were discussed.  
The skateboard facility and walking path are our top priorities at this point.  
Brown stated he feels that the fitness trail is a definite. This is used so much and feels it is important that this gets done.  
Brown stated that he thinks we should get the high school more involved with our flower planting as they have a horticulture group now.

Mathews stated that inmates from the jail have started working on the Laughlin Park Shelter House. They have fixed the roof and will paint the shelter. He is taking advantage of their labor.

Brown asked if the bridge by the new Veterans Memorial would be moved. Mathews stated yes will probably move it to the 9<sup>th</sup> and Sexton Street area.

Harmon stated he feels this year we need to focus on the Skateboard Park and the resurfacing of the Fitness Trail, then in 2003 discuss the handicap playground. He feels that every year we need to consult the Master Plan and make sure we are where we want to be on our priorities.

Brown moved that we repair and seal the fitness trail in South Memorial Park and to resurface and repair the fitness trail in North Memorial Park. Kile seconded. Motion carried.

Shuppert asked if the new Veterans Memorial Monument is handicapped accessible? Mathews stated that is a good question, not sure but would check on that.

The budget was discussed. No one has had a chance to really dig into it yet. Mathews stated he has been instructed to hold it down. He will try to turn in a budget close to what he had this year. Harmon asked board members to look at it again and between now and the next meeting review and asked Sharpe to put a budget workshop on the next agenda.

The new Skateboard Park was discussed.  
Sharpe said she was proud to say that (EMC) Environmental Management Corporation has sent a check for the new skateboard park for \$12,500.00. With the kids raising \$10,000 this brings the total up to just over \$20,000.  
EMC wanted to give to our community but did asked that for this donation they would like to have some sort of a monument in their name.  
Sharpe stated that Jim Todd of Todd's Funeral Home was to be present tonight to explain some options for signs for the skateboard park and or some sort of monument but due to the death of his dad was unable to attend.  
Sharpe showed the board some drawings of monuments/signs that could be purchased. After further discussion, the board decided they liked the idea of a bronze plaque, which would be made embedded on a brick pillar with bricks all the way around it with the names of the donors and skateboard park committee members names engraved in them. Sharpe will get some prices and get back with the board on this.

Sharpe reported that EMC would like to also do a ground breaking and will check on dates but has been tentatively set up for July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup>. Will let the board know when the date has been set.

Brown said he is putting figures together as we speak for the materials for the skateboard park. He said he would like to build this park on a weekend he is away from the station and start on a Saturday morning and finish Sunday night. He is getting materials and prices together and will let all know when the time comes.

Kile urged them to get started. These kids are anxious to skate.

Harmon stated that there is still a donation pending. Him and the attorney are working on this together and once a name has been chosen for the park he will work with the other donor and hopefully set up some sort of a maintenance memorial.

Harmon asked the board’s permission to present the skateboard park committee and Sharpe with a framed certificate for all the hard work they have done in raising their \$10,000 for this new skateboard park. He would like to do a photo-op at the next meeting presenting these certificates. Board all agreed.  
Sharpe will let the skateboard park committee know to be at next meeting.  
Sharpe will put plaque presentation on next agenda.

Sharpe then presented quotes that Phillips received on the signage of the new skateboard park.  
Special Effects Signs, Inc. out of Greenfield, Indiana estimated 6 signs at \$685.00; Cain Signs Inc. out of Glenwood for 4 signs at \$650.00 and Milton Cain from A Sign Above Inc. quoted 7 signs at \$667.92.  
Kile moved to approve the quote from Milton Cain of Rushville’s A Sign Above Inc. for \$667.92. Phillips seconded. Motion carried.

There being no further business, Phillips moved to adjourn. Brown seconded. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 P.M.

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CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY